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TAGS:	CASC, AR (LOPEZ, Gwenda Loken)		
SUBJECT:	W/W: Arrest of Gwenda Loken Lopez		
ACTION:	SecState WASHDC <u>PRIORITY</u>		
	BUENOS AIRES 5344		
REF:	Buenos Aires 5184 and previous		
	1. Secretary <sup>to</sup> Public Defender in subject's case informed Embassy Aug 13 that Judge has still not completed summary in spite of taking subject's declaration Aug 4. Secretary could offer no explanation for delay.		
	2. While this admittedly speculation, Embassy offers following as possible explanation of events leading to subject's being ordered back to Rosario. GOA, in effort to respond to US interest in case, issued expulsion order and, with <sup>apparent</sup> acquiescence of Judge, moved to execute order before judicial process completed. However, in light of violent deaths Chief of Police and several police officers shortly after subject's transfer, we believe Judge may have begun to ponder ill effects that releasing person charged with		
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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

X Release ( ) Excise ( ) Deny

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subversion without trial might have on his own well-being. (Department remembers that in Olga Talamante case Judge's house bombed and public defender's machine gunned). We cannot preclude possibilities that this is reason Judge ordered subject back to Rosario ostensibly for taking additional declaration. (See Para 1 our defense 4991 reporting no independent/attorney will take case which lends credibility to analysis.)

3. If above analysis has merit, Embassy pessimistic that favorable conclusion will be reached in "summary" stage nor can we expect Judge (or defense attorney) for that matter to proceed with alacrity in terminating case. They will do nothing that will give impression to right wing zealots that they favor subject's case.

4. Embassy's opinion is that only heavy pressure exerted by Department and Embassy could speed up trial process. (Public defender "suggested" (read pleaded) that Embassy use influence to terminate case.) We therefore suggest that Dept raise issue of speedy conclusion of trial with Argentine Ambassador at first opportunity. Embassy will continue to press for prompt resolution with GOA.

5. Embassy will keep Dept informed of significant developments.

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